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**TAMPA MAN CHARGED WITH DRUG AND GUN CHARGES IN
RELATION TO DEATH OF TWO YEAR OLD BOY**

Tampa, FL - Today United States Attorney Paul I. Perez and Ralph Ostrowski, Special Agent in Charge of the Tampa Office of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), announced a three count indictment charging Timothy Jerome Addison, age 37, of Tampa, with possession of a firearm during a drug crime, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. If convicted Addison faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years' imprisonment up to life imprisonment. Addison was arrested this morning in St. Petersburg at his construction job work site and he will make his first appearance in federal court in Tampa this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. before Magistrate Judge Thomas G. Wilson.

On Sunday, November 26, 2006, the Tampa Police Department was called to a residence at 9411 N. 15th Street where a 2-year old boy was located. The boy had fatally shot himself after finding a loaded 9 mm Sig-Sauer semi-automatic handgun tucked in a sofa at his father's home located at 9408 N. 15th Street, Tampa. The toddler's name was

Timberlan Addison, son of Timothy Jerome Addison. After the child had shot himself, the father brought him next door to the neighbor's house where police were then called. During the investigation, a search warrant was executed at the Addison home where investigators found approximately five pounds of marijuana, the Sig-Sauer firearm, an additional firearm, a Glock .40 mm semi-automatic pistol, and hundreds of rounds of ammunition, including assault rifle ammunition.

This investigation is being conducted by the Tampa Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Colleen Murphy-Davis.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.